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BYSIEWICZ ORDERS RESULTS IN 1 OUT OF EVERY 3 VOTING MACHINES USED IN PRIMARY TO BE EXAMINED

VOTING PRECINCTS SELECTED FOR AUDIT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Hartford: In preparation for the November 4, 2008 General Election and to ensure Connecticut's optical scan voting machines are working accurately, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz has ordered the primary results of one-third (1/3) of the voting precincts used on August 12, 2008 to be audited. Sec. Bysiewicz was joined by voting rights advocates and elections officials from across Connecticut at a news conference at the State Capitol on Tuesday August 19th to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited – as required by Public Act 07-194, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process.

The audits can begin no sooner than August 27, 2008 and must be completed by September 10, 2008

“Auditing election results isn’t just a good idea, it’s absolutely essential in order to guarantee the integrity of our elections,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “As Connecticut prepares for perhaps its highest turnout election in a generation, it is important voters have faith that their vote will be recorded accurately and that’s why the independent audits are so vital.”

In total, audits will be conducted in eighty-two precincts. Audits will be conducted in:

Town	Precinct Name
Avon	Roaring Brook School
Barkhamsted	Barkhamsted Elementary School
Bethel	Frank A. Berry School - 5
Bridgeport	John F. Kennedy Campus 124-1

Bridgeport	St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church Hall 124-5
Bridgeport	Thomas Hooker School 126-2
Bridgeport	Wilbur Cross School 126-4
Bridgeport	Blackham School 127-2
Bridgeport	Luis Munoz Marin School 128-1
Colebrook	Colebrook Town Hall
Danbury	Shelter Rock School Gym - Ward 4
Danbury	War Memorial Gym - Ward 5
Danbury	Park Avenue School Gym - Ward 6
Danbury	Mill Ridge Intermediate School - Ward 7
Darien	District 1 / Ox Ridge School
Darien	District 2 / Town Hall
Darien	District 4 / Hindley School
Fairfield	Saint Pius X School Dist. 2
Glastonbury	District 1 - Smith Middle School
Greenwich	Julian Curtiss School Dist. 1
Greenwich	Western Middle School Dist. 3
Greenwich	Greenwich High School Dist. 7
Greenwich	Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Cnt. Dist. 9
Hartford	Mark Twain School
Hartford	United Methodist Church
Hartford	Parkville Community School
Hartford	Burns School
Hartford	Batchelder School District 11
Hartford	Campfield Public Library
Hartford	Ramon Betances School
Hartford	Hartford Public Library (Central Library)
Hartford	Sands Elementary School (Library)
Hartland	Hartland Town Hall
Manchester	Martin School
Monroe	Fawn Hollow School
Monroe	Stepney Elementary School
New Canaan	New Canaan High School Dist. 1 & 2
New Hartford	New Hartford Town Hall
New Hartford	South End Firehouse
New Haven	Hall Of Records 02 Ward 7-02
Norwalk	St. Mary's Community Hall - Voting District 137B
Norwalk	Tracey School - Voting District 137C
Norwalk	Fox Run School - Voting District 142B
Norwalk	Wolfpit School Voting District 143B
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Middle School, District 1
Ridgefield	East Ridge Middle School
Ridgefield	Scotts Ridge Middle School
Ridgefield	Yanity Gym

Shelton	Elizabeth Shelton School Ward 1
Shelton	Mohegan School
Shelton	Shelton Community Center
Sherman	The Sherman School
Simsbury	Latimer Lane School
Simsbury	Tootin Hill School
Simsbury	Henry James Memorial School Main Gym
Southington	William Strong Elementary School
Stamford	St. Clements Church Hall
Stamford	Yerwood Center
Stamford	Westover School
Stamford	K T Murphy School
Stamford	Stamford High School (Rear)
Stamford	Stillmeadow School
Stamford	First Presbyterian Church
Stamford	Rippowam Center
Stamford	Roxbury School
Stamford	Scofield Middle School
Torrington	Torrington School 1
Torrington	Vogel-Wetmore School
Trumbull	Hillcrest School Dist. 1
Waterbury	Saint Peter And Paul School Gym 16
West Haven	Washington School Voting District 1
West Haven	Thompson School Voting District 3
West Haven	Forest School Voting District 6
West Haven	Ann V. Molloy School Voting District 7
West Haven	Mackrille School Voting District 8
West Haven	Pagels School Voting District 10
West Haven	Carrigan Middle School District 12
Weston	Weston Middle School - 28
Westport	Greens Farms Elementary School 133-1
Westport	Long Lots Elementary School 136-3
Wilton	Wilton High School - District 1
Windham	Windham Center Fire Dept

The law requires a hand audit 10% of all polling places in all elections and primaries. (Polling precincts which are already part of a recount are exempt from audits by statute). The provisions in the law, developed in close cooperation with the computer science department at the University of Connecticut, give Connecticut one of the strictest audit statutes in the country. Connecticut is the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of election results.

Public Act 07-194 states that local Registrars of Voters, "... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation." The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of

Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

“The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.”

CONNECTICUT VOTER REGISTRATION BY PARTY (As of 7/25/08)

<u>Party</u>	<u>Count</u>
A Better Future	3
A Connecticut Party	51
A Sentinel Party	35
Concerned Citizens	265
Connecticut For Lieberman	47
Democratic	707,885
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	20
Green	1772
Independence	1027
Independence For Montville	11
Independent	1828
Libertarian	821
Norwich for Change	1
Orange Taxpayers	8
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	86
Republican	408,376
Swing	2
Unaffiliated	801,002
Waterford Independent	1
Winsted Independent	42
Working Families	14
Working Families Party	1
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Total Active Voters	1,923,848

